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Gary Thomas has been named to the Westland Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Economic Development Corporation for a four-year term.

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Former Plymouth official to be sentenced

Don Howard
Staff Writer

> *Mitchell was the first indictment of a Wayne County official.*

The former Director of Parks and Grants for Plymouth Township, Michael Mitchell, 49, is expected by federal prosecutors to enter a guilty plea next week on one count of theft from a local government receiving federal assistance. The charges carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and/or $250,000 fine. Mitchell is scheduled to be arraigned Aug. 9 in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan and face a plea hearing the same day before U.S. District Judge Terrance G. Berg.

According to the FBI and federal prosecutors, in August of 2016, while serving as director of parks and grants under former Township Supervisor Shannon Price, Mitchell stole property belonging to the township, including a commercial lawnmower, a John Deer Gator utility vehicle, and other equipment estimated to have a total value of about $10,000.

Formal charges filed against Mitchell last March were reportedly the result of a wide-ranging and on-going corruption investigation centered in Macomb County involving bribery and public corruption in the awarding of trash hauling and other municipal contracts. Mitchell was the first indictment of a Wayne County official. The charges were filed in what is known as "information' which usually means the defendant is cooperating with law enforcement and has negotiated a plea deal in exchange for information.

Mitchell, a political appointee, was hired by Price,

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Blues, Brews & Barbecue

Westland event is Friday and Saturday

The Soul Men will join The Madison Avenue Band at Blues Brews and Barbecue in Westland Saturday night just before the fireworks.

Blues, Brews and Barbecue, the most highly-anticipated annual event in Westland, will take place this weekend on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3 and 4.

Thousands of visitors are treated annually to performances from some of the finest musicians in the area, delicious food and ice cold brews at the two-day event, noted Mayor William Wild.

"It has been an incredible experience to watch this event grow and evolve over the past eight years into what is now one of the most highly anticipated and well attended events in metro Detroit," Wild said.

"To date, Blues, Brews and BBQ has generated $200,000 for local community organizations, enabling them to do incredible things for those in need," Wild added.

The activities take place from 5-11 p.m. on Friday and from 3-11 p.m. on Saturday. Events this year include live entertainment from The Boa Constrictors featuring Detroit Blues legend John Watkins on Friday following by Broken Arrow on Friday. On Saturday, the Joe Stanley Band, the Bobby Murray Band and The Madison Avenue Band featuring The Soul Men will all entertain prior to the fireworks at 10 p.m.

The event and entertainment are free and will take place at Thomas H. Brown Central City Park,36601 Ford Road in Westland. There is also free parking available on site and additional parking is available at the Senior Friendship Center, William D. Ford Vocational Technical School and the Department of Public Services Building. A free shuttle service will bring visitors to and from the park.

The event features professional pit-masters who will offer slow-cooked, authentic BBQ and tasty finger foods. HillBilly Bone BBQ will be serving up the items that made them the Westland BBQ Throwdown champions. Heaven on a Roll specializes in sandwiches and the Carolina BBQ and authentic cheese steak hoagies they offer are famous. Along with sandwiches and hoagies, Heaven on a Roll serves fresh-cut French fries. Stick a Pig in it has been featured on Fox 2 Detroit and has hosted pig roasts for the TV program American Muscle and Seattle Seahawks All-Pro Cornerback Richard Sherman. They will be bringing a selection of delicious BBQ items and, most notably, their unique rendition of a pulled pork sundae which features mashed potatoes, smothered in BBQ pulled pork and topped with a cherry tomato. Ole Daddy BBQ's food truck travels all over Michigan to various cookouts, blues festivals and fairs and use only wood to cook all the food. They will be bringing ribs, pulled pork, brisket and mouthwatering pulled pork nachos. Mr. Pit Master BBQ from Romulus will be serving homemade chicken, pulled pork sandwiches, and other menu items. Uncle Bebe's BBQ is licensed in Detroit and travels around the state. The company started small selling dinners about 10 years ago and were able to expand into the food truck business last year. They specialize in ribs but will also be bringing unique items such as BBQ eggrolls containing ribs, chicken and shrimp.

These expert pitmasters will be joined by returning local favorites like Famous Dave's and Texas Roadhouse. For some additions outside the traditional BBQ realm,

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National Night Out events set for next Tuesday

Inkster police host activities

The City of Inkster will have a special guest during the police department participation in National Night Out next Tuesday.

Internationally renowned gospel recording artist Kelontae Gavin will perform during the event which will take place from 5-9 p.m. Aug. 7 in the Inkster Police Department parking lot.

With the release of his debut album "Higher" Gavin has garnered international acclaim, award nominations, and topped the billboard charts. Gavin began his career focused on not only music but giving back to the community and youth. He often volunteers his time for causes near and dear to his heart such as National Night Out.

In addition to Gavin and his performance, there will also be a DJ, karaoke, 3 on 3 basketball and free throw competitions, giveaways, a video game truck, bounce houses, games, face painting, dunk tank, food, and more. More than 40 community organizations will have booths set up providing valuable information and giveaways to citizens.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign where millions of neighbors take part in the night out across thousands of communities from all 50 states, U.S. ter-

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Canton civic groups participate

Canton residents can take a stand against crime next Tuesday, Aug. 7 during the National Night Out event in the township.

The Canton Police Department, Canton Public Library, Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition and Canton Leisure Services will have representatives at the North Pavilion in Heritage Park from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Aug. 7. The community organizations will present the National Night Out program featuring the annual Canton Not In Our Town community event.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, better places to live, noted Canton Community Relations coordinator Patty Esselink.

The evening includes live music, an interactive Canton Public Safety vehicle display, complimentary refreshments from Kona Ice and Cruisin' Custom Coneys, and prizes provided by Target, one of the event sponsors. Additional activities include: a craft project provided by Home Depot; a bounce house provided by

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Belleville - Canton

Canton trustees allocate federal funding

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Canton Township will fund a mix of public service agencies and public construction work through federal funds of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funding level of $323,085 for 2018 is comparable to past years.

Agencies funded include: First Step, helping domestic violence and sexual assault victims: Neighborhood Legal Services, offering elder abuse monitoring, including crimes committed by adult children of seniors and more; the Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency with varied services, and Growth Works, which in part helps with young offenders referred by the juvenile justice system as well as providing chemical dependency treatment.

"I'm happy, yes, we're able to continue the good works," said Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams following the July 24 Community Development Block Grant public hearing at the Canton Board of Trustees meeting. "The funds are going to those who have the greatest need."

The Community Development Block Grants assist low- to moderate-income residents nationwide. For 2018, First Step got $13,000 through Canton and HUD, Neighborhood Legal Services $13,000, the Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency $13,000, and Growth Works $1,000.

Additional CDBG funds will help to make buildings compliant with Americans With Disabilities Act standards, to help handicapped people. Also funded is housing rehabilitation, which has a waiting list of seven or eight residents in Canton.

Federal standards require an annual report to HUD by Aug. 15 as well as a local public hearing. In Canton, an Advisory Council heard a few earlier public comments and then made recommendations.

Township Clerk Michael Siegrist noted at the July 24 meeting the Canton Human Services facility on Cherry Hill Road at Ridge Road deals with clients facing challenges. He's pleased to see building upgrades addressed.

"I was glad to see that," said Siegrist.

In other action, township trustees named James Malinowski to the Canton Zoning Board of Appeals. The trustees, with Sommer Foster absent, also OK'd $2,000 to buy from a resident a 1949 Ford fire truck.

Canton Deputy Public Safety Director Chris Stoecklein said, "It's more a memory for the township," being what Williams called "this old piece of Canton history."

Said Stoecklein, "It gives us an opportunity to bring some heritage back to the department," including parades and fire station open houses.

Williams noted the truck restoration effort will build fire department personnel teamwork.

Developer seeking zoning for 'mystery firm'

Van Buren Township officials expect to learn the identity this week of the new tech firm seeking to occupy a portion of the Harold Smith Farm on Michigan Avenue, west of the Denton Cemetery.

The plan allows for Harold Smith, the current property owner, to remain in his home on a section of the property, according to information provided by the developers.

The identity of the proposed business was expected to be included in site plans submitted for the development of a portion of the 75.57-acre site during a July 10 meeting at Van Buren Township Hall. The name of the new tenant in the proposed development was not disclosed to township officials at that time, however. Representatives from the developer said that the name of the new tenant would be released once the land is purchased. That purchase is dependent on a requested rezoning from single-family to light industrial.

If the rezoning is approved by members of the township board of trustees, the next step in the development process is approval of a preliminary site plan from the township planning commission which will meet Aug. 8. The developer indicated that with that approval, he would reveal the name of the technical and research company planning to move to the site.

Proposed is a 36 foot tall, two-story building of about 70,000 square feet. A 400-foot buffer zone of trees and a tree-covered, 10-foot berm are proposed along the property line and facing neighboring property. The entrance to the facility would be from Michigan Avenue and the property would include an independent deceleration lane.

The property would also include a detention pond disbursed through the Wayne County drainage system which the developer claims would have no impact on any adjoining residential area.

The developer indicated that the company would bring about 30 jobs to Van Buren from another facility and that about 100 new jobs would be created during phase one of the development.

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Awesome Bounce of Michigan, a K-9 demonstration, and more. Participants will also be able to design a Kindness Rock, with support from Amanda Ross-State Farm Insurance Agent, which will help spread goodwill as part of a future community art installation. Additional generous event support is being provided by Community Financial Credit Union.

"Each year this community event celebrates the importance of residents and neighborhoods uniting together to take a stand against crime in our community," Esselink said

"It is an opportunity for residents to meet and interact with police and fire personnel, as well as strengthen Canton's neighborhood spirit of camaraderie and the importance of keeping our community safe and tolerant."

All ages are invited to attend this free event promoting tolerance and the "Not In Our Town" principles of building safe, inclusive communities for all.

The "Not In Our Town" community program is coordinated by the Canto Response to Hate Crimes Coalition. This group is an award-winning coalition of local law enforcement, leaders, and representatives of community organizations, faith-based organizations, public schools, and the community at large. The group is committed to raising awareness of hate crimes, bias incidents, and bullying and offers support to victims of hate/bias/bullying. Members work to help restore a sense of community when these incidents occur.

Canton will join forces with neighbors participating across thousands of communities from all 50 states, as well as United States territories, Canada, and military bases worldwide for the 35th Annual "National Night Out," coordinated by the National Association of Town Watch. According to the website, more than 38 million neighbors across 16,000 communities are expected to participate in 'America's Night Out Against Crime' this year.

For more information about this community event, visit www.cantonpublicsafety.org, www.niot.org or call (734) 394-5460.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – July 24, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: Foster Staff Present: Human Resources Manager - Connelly Motion by Anthony, supported by Slavens to move from open to closed session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Motion carried by all members present. **6:31 Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation (Canton Township VS. Arminiak)** (6:47 p.m. recess taken) Motion by Anthony, supported by Slavens to move from closed to open session at 6:59 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: Foster Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Hohenberger, Deputy Director - Stoecklein, Financial Analyst - Sheppard Staff Absent: Director Meier, Director Trumbull **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Graham-Hudak to amend the agenda to add a presentation by Treasurer Slavens and add Item G-16 Consider authorizing counsel to proceed as directed in the matter of Canton Township v Arminiak. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** Bill Broucek, 745 Sandlewood Rd., commented on the times lawns are mowed in the golf course and presented information to the board. George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, commented on issues regarding senior citizens, barking dogs, and Canton's roads. **Payment of the Bills:** Motion by Slavens, supported by Anthony to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **PRESENTATION:** Treasurer Slavens gave a presentation regarding the second quarter report on Township Investments. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to enter the treasurer's report into the public record. Motion carried by all members present. A copy of the Treasurer's presentation is available through the Clerk's Office during regular business hours. **PUBLIC HEARING: PH-1. Approval of the 2018 CDBG Program Year and Annual Action Plan.** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to open the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. Mike Sheppard – Finance manager was present to answer any questions the public or the board had. There were no public comments Clerk Siegrist commented positively on the program. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to close the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to adopt to adopt the 2018 Annual Action Plan and authorize the submission of the 2018 Annual Action Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Resolution Approving The Senior Alliance 2019 Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SENIOR ALLIANCE 2019 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AGING SERVICES Whereas,** The Canton Board of Trustees recognizes the role of The Senior Alliance as the state designated Area Agency on Aging for Southern and Western Wayne County to be responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, monitoring, and managing a comprehensive organized service delivery system of services for older adults and caregivers, and **Whereas,** the 34 communities of Southern and Western Wayne County, including Canton Township, comprises the Planning and Service Area to the agency's governing body, and **Whereas,** the Office of Services to the Aging require local Area Agencies on Aging to request approvals of their Annual Implementation Plan from their local governments, and **Whereas,** the Senior Alliance has submitted the plan to Canton Township in accordance with federal and state laws, and **Whereas,** The Senior Alliance has held a public hearing for client, caregiver, and service provider population feedback which contributed to the development of the Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2019. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Canton Board of Trustees does hereby approve The Senior Alliance 2019 Annual Implementation Plan as presented to Canton Township. APPROVED AND ADOPTED, by Canton Township Board of Trustees on July 24, 2018. Motion: By Siegrist Second: Supported by Sneideman Ayes: 6 Absent: 1 Signed: Michael Siegrist Dated: July 25, 2018 **Item C-2. Consider Appointment of Dennis Robare as Canton Township's Dangerous Building Hearing Officer and Member of the Building Board of Appeals. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman that the Canton Board of Trustees Appoint Dennis Robare as Canton Township's Dangerous Building Hearing Officer and to the Building Board of Appeals. (Term for the Building Board of Appeals to expire July 24, 2020). Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-3. Consider Appointment of James Malinowski to the Zoning Board of Appeals. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman that the Canton Board of Trustees Appoint Mr. James Malinowski to the Zoning Board of Appeals, (term to expire July 24, 2021). Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Consider the Purchase of a 1949 Ford Fire Truck. (PSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the purchase of a 1949 Ford Fire Truck from Mustafa Alhachami for a final price of $2,000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of the Site Plan for Canterbury Mews Co-Operative Addition. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to pass the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN FOR CANTERBURY MEWS CO-OPERATIVE ADDITION WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor has requested approval of the site plan for Canterbury Mews Co-Operative Addition, on the east side of Haggerty Road north of Cherry Hill Road adjacent to the Clark Drain and I-275 freeway; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request as it is consistent with the original site plan approval and meets all applicable requirements of the zoning code with the exception of façade material and non-disturb buffer; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the site plan for Canterbury Mews Co-Operative Addition, located tax parcel no. 50-99-0023-003, subject to any and all applicable state and local development regulations. Trustee Graham-Hudak covered the Planning Commissions' recommendation. Trustee Sneideman asked what the addition would be used for. Jeff Rizzo – Project Representative replied this would add additional meeting space and storage garage for the facility. **Item G-3. Consider Approval of a Split and Combination for Supervisor's Canton Plat #3, Canton/Michigan Avenue Development. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the property split and combination for parcels 133-02-0040-0008, 133-02-0040-0010 and 133-02-0040-0011 of Supervisor's Canton Plat #3 as shown on the attached surveys dated February 14, 2018. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-4. Consider Approval of the Site Plan for Tractor Supply Company. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN FOR TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor has requested approval of the site plan for Tractor Supply Company, located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to conditionally approve the request as it is consistent with the Special Land Use approval and design standards for site plan approval; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the site plan for Tractor Supply Company on parcel nos. 133-02-0040-010, 133-02-0040-011 and 133-02-0040-008, subject to provision of a final site lighting plan, and any and all applicable state and local development regulations. **Item G-5. Consider Approval of the Site Plan for Uptown Apartments Phase 4. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN FOR UPTOWN APARTMENTS PHASE 4 WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor has requested approval of the site plan for Uptown Apartments Phase 4, on the west side of Denton Road north of Cherry Hill Road; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request as it is consistent with the Planned Development Agreement and meets all applicable requirements of the zoning code. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the site plan for Uptown Apartments Phase 4, located on tax parcel no. 71-072-99-0003-713, subject to any and all applicable state and local development regulations. **Item G-6. Authorize an Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for the Construction of the Lower Rouge Multi-Use Trail Extension. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for the proposed Lower Rouge Trail extension. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-7. Consider Approval of a Budget Amendment and Award of Purchase Order Contract to Northwest Consults Inc. for Engineering Design and Construction Bidding Services for Pavement Improvements at the Division of Public Works Facility. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the following budget amendment: Increase expense: #592-536.970_0020 Capital Outlay Buildings and Improvements: $7,080 #592-537.970_0020 Capital Outlay Buildings and Improvements: $7,080 Decrease Expense: #592-536.990 Transfer to fund balance: $14,160 Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to award a purchase order contract to Northwest Consultants Incorporated under the existing Master Services Agreement for an amount not-to-exceed $14,160. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-8. Consider Approval of a Purchase of a Ford F-150 and Approve a Budget Amendment for the Public Safety Department. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve a budget amendment for the replacement of the Ford F-150 as follows: Increase Expenditures: #206-336-50.970_0040 (Capital Outlay Vehicles) $29,553 Decrease Expenditures: #206-336-50.990 (Transfer to Fund Balance) $29,553 Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford F-150 from Signature Ford, 3942 W. Lansing Rd, Perry, MI 48872 via a Macomb County Bid #12-07 MY2017 in the amount of $29,553. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-9. Consider Approval of a Budget Amendment and Award of a Purchase Order Contract to Signature Ford for the Purchase of a Ford F-450 Super Cab Utility Truck and Award of a Purchase Order Contract to Knapheide Truck Equipment for the Utility Body. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the following budget amendment: Increase Expense: #592-536.970_0040 Capital Outlay Vehicles: $77,278 Decrease Expense: #592-536.990 Transfer to fund balance: $77,278 Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to award a purchase order contract to Signature Ford for an amount not-to-exceed $46,965 for the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-450 Super Cab utility truck using the Macomb County Cooperative Contract. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to award a purchase order contract to Knapheide Truck Equipment of Flint Michigan for the purchase of the utility body for an amount not-to-exceed $30,312.82. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-10. Consider Approval of Agreement for Digital Media and Audio-Visual Services. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the Agreement for Digital Media and Audio-Visual Services at Canton Township facilities with ProVideo Services, Inc., 26471 Southpoint Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551 for a three year period with the option to renew. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-11. Consider Approval of an Inter-Governmental Agreement between Wayne County and Canton Township for Improvements to Heritage Park. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between Wayne County and Canton Township for Improvements to Heritage Park and to authorize the Finance Department to make necessary budget adjustments to the 2019 Budget to record the Wayne County contribution and the related expenditures. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-12. Consider Approving the Purchase of Air Lifting Bags. (PSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the purchase of a Paratech Air Lift Bag System from Apollo Fire Equipment, in the amount of $22,100 utilizing funds budgeted in the 2018 Fire Capital Machinery & Equipment Account. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-13. Consider sale of Canton property and authorize Supervisor Williams to sign all documents necessary to close on the sale. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens Canton accept the Letter of Intent from Gumesindo Pineda and authorize Supervisor Williams to sign the formal Purchase Agreement and any other documents necessary to complete the sale of the parcel located east of Willard Street and to the west of the ITC corridor. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-14. Consider sale of Canton property and authorize Supervisor Williams to sign all documents necessary to close on the sale. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens that Canton accept the Letter of Intent from Peter Stanek and authorize Supervisor Williams to sign the formal Purchase Agreement and any other documents necessary to complete the sale of the parcels located east of Willard Street and to the west of the ITC corridor. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-15. First Reading of Addition of Chapter 2, Article V to Canton Township Code of Ordinances, Entitled "Code of Ethics" Sections 2-225, through 2-251. (Clerk)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to introduce and hold the first reading establishing Canton Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article V, Entitled "Code of Ethics" Sections 2-225 through 2-251. Motion carried by all members present. A copy of the complete text of this Ordinance is available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours. The approved text of the Amendment will be published in the Canton Eagle/Associated Newspaper within the meeting minute's synopsis of the date of approval. A complete copy of the Ordinances for Canton Township is available at www.canton-mi.org. **(Add On)Item G-16.** Consider authorizing counsel to proceed as directed in the matter of Canton Township v Arminiak. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to authorize counsel for Canton Township to proceed as directed in the matter of Canton Township v Arminiak. Motion carried by all members present. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None Board Comment: The final forum regarding the Roads Millage will be this Saturday, July 28, 2018 at the Summit on the Park – Chestnut Room from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Clerk Siegrist reminded the township to return their absentee ballots as soon as possible. **OTHER: ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Slavens to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. _____**Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk** _____**Pat Williams, Supervisor**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394- 5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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Romulus

Relay for Life returns to Romulus Saturday

Organizers of the second annual Romulus Relay for Life are hoping a great turnout and increased participation leads to success at the signature fundraiser of the American Cancer Society.

The 24-hour event gets under way at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, and concludes at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at Senior Center Park. The park is located behind the Romulus Senior Center, off Olive Street between Grant and Bibbins.

Relay brings together people from all walks of life who have been touched by cancer. They are part of teams that commit to having at least one person walking around the path at the park and take part in a variety of activities and fundraising events. The event is open to the public. Admission is free.

"This is a festival environment - and it's fun for the whole family," said Shona Silvey-Baum, volunteer event lead for the Romulus event. "There's so much to see and do. We're counting on the public to come and buy a snow cone or take a picture with a princess or pirate. You can create your own tutu, make your own hobo pie with the Boy Scouts, get your face painted and have your hair color changed with temporary dye."

There will be a "huge" raffle with all sorts of items, from theater tickets and sporting event tickets to barbecue grills. The raffle will open at 10:30 a.m. The drawings will take place at 6 p.m.

Cancer survivors can register on site beginning at 8:30 a.m. Survivors can pick up their T-shirts and relay goodies. All relay participants and the public will meet at the stage for opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. Immediately following the "Survivor Lap," survivors and their caregivers are welcome to join in a free brunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

For the next 24 hours, each hour is a different lap from the "duct tape lap" to a "salute to heroes," while teams host all sorts of activities at their booths, which will have a Disney theme.

"At noon, we're inviting all military, police and firefighters for the salute to heroes lap," Silvey-Baum said. "At 5 p.m., we have a trick or treating lap. Everyone can trick or treat for candy. At 11 p.m., during our movie and TV lap, the "Blues Brothers" are coming to relay for a performance."

All those who contributed money, goods or services are invited to a reception in their honor at 2 p.m. onsite at relay.

A full schedule of the 24 hours, can be found at Romulus Relay for Life on Facebook.

Throughout the day and night, there will be live bands, games and food. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy activities on the main stage, such as a lip-synch competition, cardio drumming and many more.

The Luminaria Ceremony takes place at 9 p.m. It includes a silent lap around the track with walkers carrying candles. The track is lined with candlelit paper bags carrying the names of anyone affected by cancer. Visitors can see any Romulus Relayer on site to honor a loved one with a Luminaria. Donations are accepted.

Visitors also can help create a memorial garden by making their own wind spinner to honor loved ones affected by cancer.

The more than 20 teams participating in the relay this year have been fundraising throughout the year with the goal of supporting the American Cancer Society and all the services provided. Visit Facebook to learn about where the money goes and earn "Relay Bucks" to spend at the 24-hour event. This year, the Relay for Life of Romulus goal is $50,000.

Teams are spending the night camping out at the park. Activities will go on throughout the night.

Silvey-Baum brought Relay to Romulus from Monroe after the death of her sister Cindi. She is a member of Team Cindi.

"We're in a unique situation," Silvey-Baum said. "We're new but we're nailing and exceeding every goal we set. The city has really stepped up. I'm absolutely blown away."

Romulus Deputy Treasurer Tracy Leininger is captain of the City of Romulus team, a group of city employees and their family members and friends. Last year, under the guidance of Jennifer and Jerry Frayer, the team won the coveted "most spirited team" award. Jennifer Frayer is co-captain this year.

Participants are led to the stage by the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars honor guard to kick off the 2017 Romulus Relay for Life at Senior Center Park. Photo by Roger Kadau

In the year since, the team has run a series of fundraisers, including a bowling tournament, karaoke night, bake sale and many others. The fundraising continues on Saturday at the park.

"Last year was the first year for Romulus," Leininger said. "We were just trying to get the public aware of the event. It has grown so much since then. We try to get everybody involved. If you're on a team, you've got to be involved."

There is still time to join a team.

"You go there (to relay) and, wow, all these people come out for one cause," Leininger said. "We all know people affected by cancer in some fashion - family members, friends or directly. In the city, we had some very dear co-workers and friends pass away from colon cancer. It really affected us."

Earlier this year, Silvey-Baum was named a Romulus Hometown Hero for everything she has done to make the Romulus Relay a success.

"Shona spends countless hours leading the charge for the Relay for Life of Romulus," said Kristen Pilon a relay community manager with the American Cancer Society. "In the five years I've known Shona, there hasn't been a time when she wasn't leading a team of people to help others. She is dedicated to the City of Romulus and has shown me what it means to be a true leader."

Silvey-Baum praised Romulus as a "big-hearted city." She said Relay for Life participants are an "army of guardian angels." She is hoping for "a picture-perfect event with picture-perfect weather."

"Nobody is unaffected by cancer anymore," she said. "Everybody is affected. Cancer sucks, but fighting back doesn't have to. We're going to fight and have a blast doing it."

To learn more about the Romulus Relay for Life, visit www.relayforlife.org/romulusmi . To reach Silvey-Baum, send an email to RomulusRelay@gmail.com or send a text to (734) 754-3823.

Back to school

Program provides free backpacks, supplies

Families that include elementary school students who attend Romulus Community Schools will benefit from a new partnership between the school district and the Wayne County Airport Authority. The nearly 1,200 enrolled students in kindergarten through fifth grade will receive free backpacks filled with school supplies. The backpack giveaway will take place from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Romulus High School during the annual Academic Fun Fair.

> *"This is just the beginning of what we want to be a long term relationship."*

Kenneth Dobson, vice president of government and external affairs along with Katie Callahan, senior administrative analyst of business development and real estate government and external affairs for the airport authority, explained the giveaway program during a regular school board meeting July 9.

The two spoke about the importance of connecting with the community and serving students.

"This is just the beginning of what we want to be a long term relationship," said Dobson. Donations were collected from various airlines and concession vendors from Detroit Metro Airport.

"This all started when I received a phone call from Katie Callahan. We threw around a few ideas, one of which included filling a plane with school supplies. We decided that a backpack giveaway was more realistic given our timeline," said Karensa Smith, Romulus Community Schools director of grants and curriculum.

According to the National Education Association, the average cost for school supplies including notebooks, scissors, glue sticks, and other items is about $200, on average, per elementary student.

"We hope to see all of our families at the Academic Fun Fair on Saturday, Aug. 4, however for those who cannot attend their child will receive their backpack at their designated school, once the school year begins," Smith said.

CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
Notice of a Public Hearing
August 20, 2018

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m.** on **Monday, August 20, 2018** for the purpose of considering amendments to the following:

- RZ-2016-001; **M & M Express Trucking Conditional Zoning Agreement** located at 27732 Ecorse (Parcel ID #80-045-99-0008-009);
- RZ-2014-005; **D & G Building Conditional Zoning Agreement** located at 11457 and 11651 Hannan (Parcel ID #80-074-01-0147-301); and
- PC-2004-028; **Metro Airport Center PDA (Planned Development Area) Agreement** located at 11100 Metro Airport Center (Parcel ID #80-082-04-0017 -000).

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

A copy of the proposed amendments are available in the Planning Department during regular business hours - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Questions may be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485 or at 734-955-4530.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 9, 2018
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg. Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-235 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 2, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner
18-236 3A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the request from Ronda Kosciolek, 6328 Loraine Street, for a block party to be held on Saturday, July 28, 2018 from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Chairperson's Report:
Shona Silvey-Baum spoke about the Relay for Life event. Mayor Pro-Tem Barden read a resolution in memory of Gloria Dean McPhail-Denham.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Williams** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report
Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director, spoke about the meet and greet that Amazon held at the Romulus Senior Center. Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
18-237 5A (1). Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the City of Romulus to enter into agreements for storm sewer with OHM in the amount of $135,000 for Condition Assessment and creation of an Asset Management Plan, and in the amount of $182,500.00 for the Condition Assessment, Asset Management Plan Creation, Level of Service Determination, Revenue Structure Development. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-238 5A (2). Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the City of Romulus to enter into agreements for sanitary sewer with Ritter GIS in the amount of $167,829.00 for the GPS'ing of structures, creating a base layer and inspecting each manhole in the system and in the amount of $193,207.00 for the GPS'ing of structures, creating a base layer and inspecting each manhole. Councilwoman Webb informed that the total of the proposals is $678,536.00; however, all costs will be 90% reimbursable by the State of Michigan, making the City's share $67,853.60. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-239 5B. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize Change Order Number 2 for site work completed by Nagle Paving for the CDBG Fire Station Rehab project in the amount of $7,143.23. Councilwoman Williams asked which fire station this includes; it is Fire Station 2 next to City Hall.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.
6A. Clerk's Report
18-240 6A1. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-01, Court Building Construction Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of July 2, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A2. No Action Required by Council.
18-241 6A3. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and approve the purchase of the following properties included on the Wayne County Treasurer's 2018 "Right of Refusal to Purchase Tax Foreclosed Property in Wayne County" list dated July 3, 2018:

Q5657	80 010 01 0014 000 aka 5880 Crystal Lake	$11,949.37
Q5659	80 017 01 0095 000 aka 6031 Wayne	$ 7,493.57
Q5660	80 017 99 0011 700 aka 6363 Wayne	$12,580.88
Q5666	80 020 03 0031 000 aka 6938 Arlene	$ 5,478.63
Q5670	80 032 01 0074 000 aka 9035 Grover	$ 9,551.63
Q5677	80 062 02 0065 000 aka 34967 Julie	$12,210.95
Q5678	80 067 02 0537 300 aka 10139 Miriam	$ 4,529.96
Q5679	80 068 99 0028 000 aka 35945 Herman	$ 6,832.11
Q5682	80 077 14 0006 000 aka 35911 Bibbins	$ 7,233.92
Q5684	80 078 10 0093 000 aka 36773 Bibbins	$ 6,989.80

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.
6B. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced that tax bills were mailed to property owners; if anyone has questions, contact the Treasurer's Office at 942-7580.
7. Public Comment:
A resident commented on the homes to be rehabilitated in Romulus.
8. Unfinished Business
Mayor Burcroff explained that the home rehab program can be found throughout Wayne County and that it is an excellent program.
9. New Business: None
10. Communication
Councilwoman Williams spoke about employee raises and bonuses. Councilwoman Talley spoke about the great events that are going on in the City Mayor Pro-Tem Barden spoke about how great the fireworks event was this year.
18-242 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-13 in the amount of $2,626,613.34. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 9, 2018.

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INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

Mall manager named to tax increment corporation

Gary Thomas has been named to the Westland Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Economic Development Corporation for a four-year term.

Thomas' appointment by Mayor William R. Wild was approved by members of the Westland City Council during the July 16 meeting.

Thomas retired from the United States Air Force after 20 years of active duty and earned an associates degree in business. He relocated to Westland from Saginaw to accept a position as the General Manager of the Westland Shopping Center in October of 2017. Thomas has 14 years of experience in operations and mall management.

"I look forward to working with the City of Westand as a member of TIFA/EDC," commented Thomas. "My vision is to incorporate Westland's five-year plan for the Shop and Dine District with the plans for updating the Westland Shopping Center, attracting national tenants and bringing the mall into the 21st Century."

"The Westland Shopping Center and the city's history are intertwined," commented Wild. "We have an excellent working relationship with the mall and look forward to collaborating with Mr. Thomas on ideas and strategies for economic stimulation and growth in the community and the mall."

The City of Westland TIFA/EDC is governed by a nine-member board appointed by the mayor and confirmed by members of the city council. The purpose of the Tax Increment Finance Authority /EDC (TIFA) is to promote economic and business development through programs and public improvement projects that create economic opportunity, provide entrepreneurial support, and preserve property values. Regularly scheduled board meetings take place at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of every other month at city hall and are open to the public.

Anyone interested in serving on a Westland board or commission, can find a complete list of vacancies, information, requirements and explanations on each and an application on www.cityofwestland.com by clicking on the "Get Involved" icon. Applications can be submitted electronically or paper applications can be printed from the website and dropped off at Westland City Hall.

Gary Thomas

Judges take the Barbecue Throwdown entries very seriously as they test various specialties during the Westland competition.

Barbecue

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Harvest Kettle Corn, Detroit Mini Donut and Lemonade, Heavenly Hot Dog, Krispy Fish and Chicken, Redd Ventures and Nut N' Fancy Street Food will be on site.

The All American Firework Show will finish out the night beginning at 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4.

(A complete guide to Blues, Brews and Barbecue is included as an insert in this edition of The Eagle.)

Police

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ritories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. The idea is to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. The goal of National Night Out is to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. This will be a completely free event for citizens.

The police department is located at 26279 Michigan Ave. Inkster.

Roadwork delays drivers

Residents on the north side of Annapolis Road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads found themselves blocked from their driveways last week.

The City of Inkster and City of Westland have joined forces to undertake a pavement reconstruction project along the section of Annapolis Road between Middlebelt and Inkster Road where traffic is now restricted to a single lane eastbound one way and single lane westbound, depending on phasing. Drivers can expect intermittent stoppages of traffic by flaggers during certain construction activities.

Officials said the project will be completed in two phases; Phase 1 includes concrete slab replacements and repairs on the south side in the City of Westland and Phase 2 includes the reconstruction of the north side which is in the City of Inkster.

The project began last week and will continue through July 31, officials said.

There will be no vehicle access into or out of home driveways and residents will need to find other locations to park, such as nearby side streets.

Officials said the driveways should be accessible after this weekend, however that completion date is contingent upon weather and may be extended if needed.

Two dumpsters have been placed at the corner of Northland and Annapolis and Irene and Annapolis. During this reconstruction, residents should place garbage into these dumpsters. Recycling will not be collected during construction, officials noted.

Downtown Days a success

The second Annual Downtown Days event took place last month in Wayne and organizers said they were more than pleased with the popularity of the event.

According to Maxwell Cameron, executive director of Wayne Main Street, the group that organized the event, shops and groups in the downtown area organized numerous family-friendly activities including sidewalk sales, a concert in Goudy Park on Friday, July 13 featuring Steve King and the Dittilies, a flea market, makers market, and vendor show on Saturday, July 14. Cruisin' Us-12 also took place Saturday, drawing car enthusiasts from all around the state to downtown Wayne.

Organizers estimate that more than 25,000 people attended the activities this year. More than 20 Wayne-based businesses participated in the weekend festivities by offering sales and extended hours. In total there were more than 40 activities happening around downtown Wayne throughout the weekend, Cameron said.

Paul Sposite, grand knight for the Knights of Columbus Notre Dame Council #3021 and a main organizer for the event commented, "It was amazing to see so many longtime residents and visitors take this opportunity to see what Wayne has to offer."

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID

ITB 18/19-03 Motorized Pumper Fire Apparatus

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the furnishing of all necessary labor, equipment, and material to deliver one (1) motorized pumper apparatus and associated equipment, as defined by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1901 Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus, 2016 Edition and as required by the following specifications.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.

(2) This project is a federally funded Community Development Block Grant project, the City's CDBG Coordinator will make every effort to utilize small, minority-owned and/or women-owned business. Such businesses are encouraged to submit a bid and include verification of this status along with their bid. Additionally, Federal regulations for CDBG funded projects require that the awarded contractor and.

(3) Federal regulations, both CDBG and non-CDBG, make it very clear that sub recipients should make every effort to use local business firms and contract with small, minority-owned and/or women-owned businesses in the procurement process any sub recipients/sub-contractors performing work under the project are encouraged to use of local businesses; small, minority, and/or women-owned businesses .

(4) **Contractors must include a completed and notarized copy of their "Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension for Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program along with their bid. The City cannot award the contract to any company suspended or debarred or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, Debarment & Suspension."**

(5) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.

(6) CDBG projects require that each bid be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the form of a certified check, bid bond or cashier's check payable to the City of Romulus in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the submitted bid. Bid bonds submitted must be executed by a U.S. Treasury Listed Surety Company and to acceptable to the City of Romulus. The guarantee of the successful Bidder shall be forfeited for failure to execute a contract and bonds within two (2) days after award by action of the City Council.

(7) All bids must be accompanies by or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the thee total cost of the vehicle being bid made payable to The City of Romulus.

(8) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, August 28, 2018. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents.

(9) At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids will be publicly opened and read.

(10) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the bid documents and copies of all required endorsements.

(11) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. A contract may ultimately be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(12) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, or Gary Harris, Purchasing Department Buyer by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Northville installs electric vehicle chargers

A collaborative effort between the Northville Downtown Development Authority, and Up2Go, is moving downtown Northville forward with the addition of two electric vehicle charging stations.

The electric vehicle charging stations are located behind 120 W. Main (the parking lot behind Up2Go, next to Starring The Gallery). The parking spots are strictly for electric vehicles and will be limited to three hours per vehicle. The two, dual electric vehicle charging stations are equipped with Clipper Creek (standard level 2) charging capabilities, which allows any electric vehicle to charge in downtown Northville. Up2Go, a company headquartered in Northville that provides cloud-based enterprise applications for global Tier-1 automotive suppliers was responsible for project management, equipment supply, installation, and will provide initial (18 months) funding of electricity for the electric vehicle charging stations.

> *We are excited to have partnered with Up2Go on the Electric Charging stations in downtown Northville.*

To help attract electric vehicle owners to visit downtown Northville, the stations will be registered on popular charging network sites such as ChargeHub, PlugShare, and Plug in America.

"As an integral part of the Up2Go purpose, we intend to support our communities through future oriented technology," said Manfred Schon, CEO of Up2Go. "Working with the city and the Northville Downtown Development Authority to bring electric charging stations to downtown Northville aligns perfectly with this plan."

"We are excited to have partnered with Up2Go on the Electric Charging stations in downtown Northville," said Lori Ward, Northville Downtown Development Authority director.

"Bringing electric vehicle charging stations to Northville has been an idea we have wanted to bring to fruition for a while and we know that working with Up2Go, will prove to be a highly successful endeavor," added Ward.

Mitchell

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his former colleague at the Wayne County Commission, in 2016. Mitchell worked as an aide to Price at the county. Price created the new $63,277 annual salaried position exclusively for Mitchell who was purported to have a Ph.D. in Molecular Cytogenetics and other impressive educational curriculum vitae.

The relationship between Mitchell and Price and his immediate employment after Price took office in 2016 was publically criticized by employees and township residents as a patronage job and political favor for Mitchell who served as chairman of the 11th District Republican Party and was a well-known political party operative.

Mitchell, who is now a resident of Rockford, Il, abandoned his position and did not report for work with the township following the primary election in August 2016 in which Price was soundly defeated. Official records show Mitchell was paid $16,476.95 after his departure for the employment period from July 31 until Nov. 6, the date of his termination letter. He was finally terminated after his long absence.

It was reported Mitchell held two jobs while under the employment of the township: one as director of parks and grants and the other with an automotive supply firm located in Mexico, where his wife was working for an automotive manufacturer. District court officials signed off on a search warrant for Mitchell after he abandoned his job claiming probable cause before searching his Livonia home armed with affidavits to back their requests. It was reported property belonging to the township was seized at the time of the raid.

Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said that after the initial discovery of the missing property in the spring of last year township officials declined turning over the investigation to the office of Michigan State Attorney General Bill Schuette, because of the state official's involvement with Price. Price was a former employee of the attorney general and Schuette had conducted fundraisers and provided political endorsements for Price. Price worked for Schuette from 2011 until 2015. Price was currently appointed to the five-member Board of Directors of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority.

"When public officials use their jobs to steal from taxpayers, their theft isn't just measured in dollars-it is measured by the damage caused by robbing the public of honest government," commented United States Attorney Matthew Schneider .

Benefit concessions OK'd

The six collective bargaining units representing employees of Plymouth Township have agreed to changes in dental, optical, life insurance, disability, and other benefits saving the Township about $59,000 per year, according to a statement from Township Supervisor Kurt Heise.

"I want to thank our hardworking public safety, clerical, and public works staff for agreeing to these changes," said Heise.

"The new benefit plan will save taxpayers thousands of dollars going forward while providing as good or better benefit packages for our employees."

"It truly is a win-win for the township, and underscores the culture change we've been working to create over the past year and a half," Heise added. "This kind of labor-management harmony and cooperation would have been unheard of in the past."

"Our employees know we are in a difficult financial situation and they are willing to help," he added.

The benefit changes will also apply to non-union township personnel.

Earlier this year, the township board of trustees hired Corporate Benefit Solutions from Troy to administer the various benefit packages provided to employees.

Moving forward, Heise said, the township and Corporate Benefit Solutions will be working to improve healthcare and retirement benefits, where more savings are anticipated.

Buy Michigan festival set

The 10th Buy Michigan Now Festival will take place in downtown Northville Aug 3, 4 and 5.

The Buy Michigan Now Festival is a weekend celebration of the state annual Buy Michigan Week. This family-friendly event includes street vendors, live music, and children's activities, all highlighting Michigan-based businesses and Michigan-made products.

Festival hours are from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Aug 3, 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday Aug. 5. Admission and parking are free.

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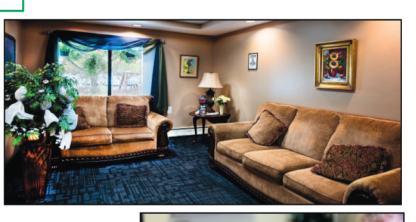

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Local clerks work to register young voters

Julie Brown
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Municipal clerks in the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and Canton Township have joined forces to engage young voters.

That includes registering young adult voters at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park complex, explained Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist. Clerks also make it possible for students away at college to obtain an absentee ballot from their hometown.

"For the college kids, it's a pain," said Siegrist, 35, talking about student's voting from college. "By us going to the high school, those kids (of age) can vote."

Siegrist emphasized that the law will be followed and noted a bill in the Michigan Legislature to drop voting to age 16. That is not the intent of the three local municipal clerks, however.

Siegrist calls municipal clerks "the guardians of democracy."

"The idea is to get voters at age 18 while in high school, make them informed voters, and help to make voting easier," he said.

He and the two other municipal clerks went to Plymouth High School this past February to register teen voters. The students will be able to cast absentee ballots by mail from their respective colleges.

Additionally, graduating seniors who were going away to college were given the option to sign up for the absentee application list so they don't need to return home for the November election. Siegrist followed up with an additional voter registration drive at Canton High School and Salem High School on May 2.

As the Canton clerk, he also recruited election inspectors at both registration drives. Every election requires that more 300 individuals from the community be trained and appointed to help administer the absentee voter counting board and each of the 40 Canton precincts.

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The three clerks helped to establish a scholarship through the Canton Community Cares Fund.

High school and college students who work as election inspectors for the August and November elections will be eligible to compete for a $750 or $500 scholarship after writing a 500-word essay about the security of the elections process using information from Election Day and training.

"This was an opportunity to illustrate the transparent process and dispel myths and concerns around our democratic institutions," Siegrist noted.

The Canton clerk also visited the Advanced Placement United States History classes and the Advanced Placement Government classes at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to explain about the scholarship opportunity and recruit inspectors.

Plymouth Township Clerk Jerry Vorva has been active in the effort as has Plymouth City Clerk Maureen Brodie, Siegrist said.

Siegrist, elected in Canton in 2016 and a former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education member, said the State of Michigan will be voting on new digital scanners to replace the old analog scanners of the past.

The technology change will help reduce the likelihood of jammed ballots and eliminate a two-page ballot, he said.

"This can help reduce lines and make the process run smoother, while maintaining the security of a paper ballot. The Voter Assistant Terminals are designed to assist voters with disabilities, but may be used by any individual. These are tablet-based machines that print the ballot at the polling location, and blend with the technology that young adults have grown up with," Siegrist said.

The municipal clerks were approached to consider a proclamation or resolution by an organization called Engage18. Engage18 is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, founded by high school students.

As a registered 501(c)4, it aims to increase the youth voter turnout and spark political interest in young people. Its founding chapter is based in Michigan, however, organizers are working to expand across county and state lines, connecting students across the nation so that they have a stronger voice in politics, Siegrist said.

Calendar of events

Summer music series begins

Music Lakeside,a free summer music series sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, will present entertainment every Thursday evening through Aug. 16. The concerts will take place in Horizon Park on High Street in Belleville and will feature musical entertainment by the water.

Visitors should bring lawn chairs, blankets, or arrive by boat. Food is available this year from Cosa Sabrosa, a new addition, featuring fresh tacos, burritos, salsas and much more. Also returning will be Egan's Pub and The Gelato Wagon.

In case of rain, concerts will be moved tot the Methodist Church across the street.

Meet Up and Eat Up

Meet Up and Eat Up, an effort to ensure that children in lower-income areas continue to receive nutritious meals during long school vacations, when they do not have access to the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs, is available from noon until 1 p.m. every Monday through Thursday at the Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center, located at 32150 Dorsey St. in Westland.

The program continues through Aug. 16.

Spike Out Hunger Saturday

Kroger is hosting a charity volleyball tournament with proceeds benefiting Forgotten Harvest beginning at 11 a.m. this Saturday, Aug. 4.

The tournament will take place at the Northville Recreation Center, located at 18680 Hines Dr. Check in begins at 10 a.m. and the games begin at 11 a.m. Each team must have a minimum of six players and the cost to enter the tournament is $100 per team. For more information, email elizabeth.desmarais@stores.kroger.com

Senior games registration nears

Area seniors have until Aug. 10 to enter the Second Annual Canton Senior Games, which are scheduled to take place Aug. 20-24, at various locations in the Canton community. A variety of activities for men and women age 55 and older will be available during the four days of competition.

Registration is now available online at www.cantonfun.org or in person at the Canton Club 55+ front desk, located in the Summit on the Park at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. All participants must register by Friday, Aug. 10. Registration fees are: Field Games/Cards/Wii Games/Billiards fees for each event are $2 for Canton residents and $3 for non-residents; Billiards Tournament, Pickleball Tournament, and Tennis Tournament fees are $5 for Canton residents and $6 for non-residents and Golf Tournament fees are $53 for Canton residents and $58 for non-residents.

An awards ceremony has been scheduled from 12:30-2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24 at the Summit on the Park Maple/Oak Room, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Participants can take part in a BBQ lunch for just $8 for Canton residents and $10 for non-residents.

For additional information about the Canton Senior Games or to confirm event times and locations, contact Canton Club 55+ at (734) 394-5485.

Bonus Market planned

The Romulus Downtown Development Authority will host a bonus market at the Romulus Farmer's Market from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Aug. 11.

The market takes place at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St. in Romulus

For more information, call (313) 204-0990 or Merrie Druyor at (734) 955-4531.

Casting call

Inspire Theatre in Westland will host auditions for a production of The Addams Family set for October and November

Auditions will take place at Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road in Westland beginning at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14 and 15. Actors will perform a cold reading and be taught lyrics to When You're An Addams.

Performers are asked to wear comfortable clothing and stay for the entire audition.

Roles for the entire Addams family including Gomez, Morticia, Uncle Fester, Grandma, Wednesday and Pugsley Addams will be cast, along with Lurch, Mal, Alice and Lucas Beineke and five male and five female Addams ancestors.

For more information, call (734) 751-7057.

Election is Tuesday

Voter, ballot information is available

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is offering assistance to those voting in the Primary Election Aug. 7.

The League has provided an online voter guide at VOTE411.org. Visit VOTE411.org to read and compare candidate responses to relevant issues, find your polling place, check voting hours, learn about ballot measures, and read tips about voting in Michigan. Voters need simple, helpful tools to help them navigate the voting process and Election Day.

The League also hosted candidate forums for the 11th District US House of Representatives- both the Republican and Democratic candidates, and the 16th District State Representative and 6th District State Senate. Forums were also held for the three positions in Sumpter Township: Clerk, Treasurer and Board of Trustees. The video links for these forums can be found on the League's website: LWVnorthwestwayne.org.

Voters will need to choose one party's ballot in the Primary Election and then vote only for candidates in that party. Casting votes in multiple parties will invalidate the ballot.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization that never supports or opposes candidates or political parties. Voters are urged to learn about their candidates from a trusted source of election information by visiting VOTE411.org and LWVnorthwestwayne.org before their ballots are cast.

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